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1. ON JULY 14 THE COURT OF APPEALS IN SANTO DOMINGO ENTERAINED A HABEAS CORPUS PETITION FILED ON BEHALF OF: JOHN SAMPSON FERNANDEZ, ANGEL LUIS GANDIA AND RAUL GARCIA. THE COURT DENIED THE PETITION AND RULED THAT THE PRISONERS WOULD BE TRIED BEFORE A CRIMINAL COURT OF INSTRUCTION.

2. UNDER DOMINICAN LAW, THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY (FISCAL) CHOOSES THE COURT WHICH WILL HEAR THE VARIOUS CASES ON THE COURT CALENDAR. ON JULY 16 THE FISCAL ANNOUNCED THAT THE (3) PUERTO RICANS WOULD BE TRIED IN THE 7TH CHAMBER OF CRIMINAL INSTRUCTION. THE TRIAL IS SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE ON JULY 31. THE EMBASSY PLANS TO HAVE THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE CONSULAR SECTION, PAUL MILLER ATTEND THE TRIAL AS AN OBSERVER.

3. MEMBERS OF THE FAMILIES VISITED THE THREE IN PRISON ON JULY 17 AND 18. CONSUL HUBERT BUZBEE HAS CONTINUED TO ASSIST THE FAMILIES ON OBTAINING VISITATION RIGHTS AND SEEING THAT PRISONERS OBTAIN NECESSITIES. IN THIS REGARD, HE CONVINCED THE COLONEL COMMANDING THE LA VICTORIA PRISON THAT HE SHOULD AVAIL HIMSELF OF SAMPSON'S INCARCERATION TO UNDERTAKE A COURSE OF INSTRUCTION

IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE. SAMPSON IMMEDIATELY AGREED.

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THIS SHOULD ASSURE THE PRISONERS OF A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF SPECIAL

CONSIDERATION SINCE EVERYONE WILL BE AWARE THAT THE
PRISONERS HAVE ACCESS TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER. THE
EMBASSY WILL REPORT FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS.
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